

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 15 and 20 are amended. By this Amendment, no claims are added or cancelled. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 20 are the independent claims. Applicants have filed this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") to ensure its consideration. Any subsequent action other than a notice of allowance or Quayle Action should be non-final.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the Examiner Interview conducted on September 11, 2008. Applicants have amended the independent claims as discussed during the interview. As agreed to by the Examiner, the claims as currently amended overcome the cited references. Applicants respectfully request that all rejections to claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-20 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

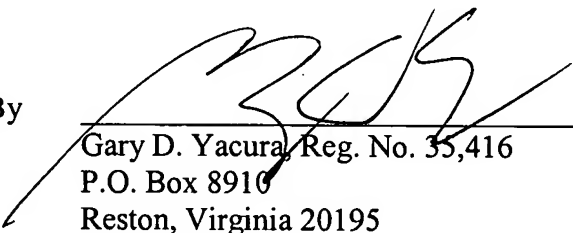
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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